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In re application of:

**Ecker, Sampath, Griffey and McNeil**

Serial No.: 09/310,667

Group Art Unit: 1655


Filed: May 12, 1999

Examiner: F. Lu

For: **IDENTIFICATION OF MOLECULAR INTERACTION SITES IN RNA  
FOR NOVEL DRUG DISCOVERY**

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On July 24, 2001

  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims ~~26~~ and ~~42~~, amend claims 35 and 39-41, and add new claim 51 as indicated below.

35. (Amended) An oligonucleotide comprising a molecular interaction site that is present in the RNA of a selected organism and in the RNA of at least one additional organism, wherein said molecular interaction site serves as a binding site for at least one molecule that when bound to said molecular interaction site modulates the expression of said RNA in said selected organism, wherein

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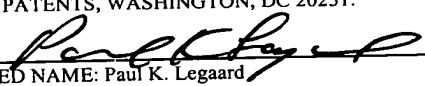
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

☐ A Preliminary Amendment.

☒ An Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Responsive to the Office Action

Dated April 24, 2001.

☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:
- ☐ an Independent Inventor
  - ☐ a Small Business Concern
  - ☐ a Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Substitute Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of the Specification are enclosed.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Attached Form 1449.
  - ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ Appended Material as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Other Material as follows: Ex parte Parks.

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☒ No Additional Fee is Due.

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☐ A Check is Enclosed in the Foregoing Amount Due.

☐ Petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of @@ to and through @@ comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of @@ month(s).

☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to deposit

account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.


- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the following fees and to refund any overpayment associated with this communication or during the pendency of this application to deposit account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.



- ☐ The Foregoing Amount Due for Filing this Paper.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 or 1.20(d).

**SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR** with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

Date: 24 JULY 2001

  
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